

Subject: Chat with Robert, james.poulos@huffingtonpost.com

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Robert: You've been invited to this chat room!

Robert: shit

Robert: lost that

Robert: can you rewrite

Robert: i know alyona wants to cover this

me: yes, one sec

Robert: as does james

james.poulos: Hello.

me: hi

me: first, all documentation is here, just put this uop

me: <http://pastebin.com/gsR8HEwN>

me: second

me: at least five articles from at least three major Aussie outlets on Trapwire from last two days have been removed

me: still in Google results, as anyone can verify

me: but removed from website, not edited, corrected, just removed

me: also gone are older articles mentioning Cubic's bid to oversee security in London and Aus transport systems

Robert: and what's your theory as to why?

me: Cubic is firm that owns Abraxas

Robert: which is trapwire

me: Abraxas spun-off Abraxas Apps, which runs Trapwire

me: although work on Trapwire began at Abraxas itself

me: Cubic and Abraxas have both been on our radar since early last year due to discovery that it's industry leader, or at least among leaders, in persona management, having won CENTCOM bid for that in 2010 through its made-for-bid subsidiary Ntrepid

me: all of that was only discovered thanks to HBGary e-mails, even though the contract guidelines were out in plain sight on gov't bid website

me: all details on that are on our wiki

Robert: ok

Robert: so...why would someone care to bury trapwire when it existed at least in some level in plain sight

Robert: to put it another way, what was new in the Wikileaks data dump?

me: that's not obvious yet based on available facts, but as you'll see via the first link, most likely to prevent widespread knowledge of to what extent all this data will be integrated not just at sites of clear terrorist interest, as is now believed and claimed by several journalists

that have written on subject, but also where general public will be subjected to that sort of invasive privacy every day

Robert: yup

me: personally, based on my last year of tracking and advocating these issues, I think that if this is the reason, they're over-estimating the extent to which journalists are going to make that connection or even find the issue interesting

me: and U.S. public in particular doesn't give a shit and obviously deserves everything that happens to it and worse

me: but with all things of this nature, I and people I work with believe it is our duty to at least inform those who are interested

me: so, take a look at the specifics, etc

me: oh and here's the Cubic page: http://wiki.echelon2.org/wiki/Cubic_Corporation

me: see, this consortium does at least several different high-end infosec pursuits, like persona management and Trapwire itself, which Richard Helms himself said back in 2005 would be "more accurate than facial recognition," and is well-positioned

me: sorry, meant to also say that we can take his quote about more accurate than facial recognition as of course being in context of level of accuracy in 2005 when he said it

me: nonetheless, I'm seeing people like Adrian Chen at Gawker who never does his homework going out there and "debunking" idea of facial recognition used in this as "outlandish," his words

me: all it takes is a couple inaccurate "debunking" articles to just shut the story down, because sad thing is a lot of other journalists just assume anything that depicts itself as "debunking" must be correct

me: I say this as former columnist for Skeptical Inquirer and Skeptic

me: so, let me know

me: I'll be haranguing others if you need me

Robert: ok

Robert: cool, this is GREAT

Robert: i will share with alyona

me: thanks, please do

me: I know she'll run with it, she was one of few to bother with my Romas/COIN report last year

me: other than Der Spiegel, not a single fucking US outlet other than Raw Story

Robert: awesome barrett

Robert: thanks so much for this

me: happy to do it, credit on finding the older articles that were scrubbed goes to an Anon contact of mine